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Basketball Coach and Teacher Convicted of Sexual Abuse of 15-Year-Old Student

Washington, D.C. - Acting United States Attorney Channing Phillips announced that Daniel L. King, III, 33 of Washington, D.C. plead guilty today before the Honorable Michael Rankin in D.C. Superior Court to one count of First Degree Child Sexual Abuse with Aggravating Circumstances. King faces a maximum penalty of life in jail when he is sentenced by Judge Rankin on September 18, 2009. If released, King will be required to register as a sex offender for a period of ten years.

According to evidence presented at the plea hearing, Mr. King first met the victim as a student when she was ten-years-old. Beginning in November 2005, when the victim was 15-years-old, King engaged in a sexual relationship with her, which continued until December 2007. During the time the sexual relationship was occurring, Mr. King was the child's computer teacher, basketball coach, and/or school mentor.

In announcing the guilty plea, Acting United States Attorney Phillips praised the outstanding investigative work of Metropolitan Police Department Sexual Assault Unit Detective William Weeks, who was the lead detective on the case, and Youth Investigations Division Detective Darryn Robinson, who provided essential assistance. He also commended Victim/Witness Advocate Melissa Milam for her service to the victim, Paralegals Joyce Arthur and Tiffany Jones, and Legal Assistant Donice Adams who worked extensively on the case, along with Law Intern Jennie Graves who helped prepare the case for trial. Finally, Acting United States Attorney Phillips commended Assistant United States Attorney Sharon Marcus-Kurn who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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